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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :

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For: IMPROVED HOSE STRUCTURE, FORMULATION FOR A RUBBER TUBE USED  
THEREIN AND METHOD OF MAKING THE HOSE STRUCTURE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

**On page 1, the first paragraph has been amended as follows:**

The present invention is directed to an improved hose structure; formulations for a rubber tube used therein, and method of making the hose structure. More particularly, the present invention is directed to a rubber formulation utilizing chlorinated polyethylene (CPE) for making a tubular portion of a hose and to a method of making a hose using that tubular portion.